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Humanitarian assistance, emergency relief and rehabilitation for Haiti in response to the devastating effects of the earthquake in that country

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and the guiding principles contained in the annex thereto, other relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions and agreed conclusions of the Council, including Council resolution 2008/36 of 25 July 2008,

Expressing sincere condolences and deep sympathy for the victims, their families and the Government and the people of Haiti who suffered huge losses of life and socio-economic damage from the earthquake that struck Haiti on 12 January 2010,

Conscious of the huge losses of human life and the large number of people who were wounded and people whose suffering from the health impact of the disaster is severe,

Conscious also of the huge material losses sustained in respect of homes and basic infrastructures in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and elsewhere in the country and expressing concern over the medium- and long-term social, economic and development impacts of the disaster on the affected country,

Acknowledging the efforts of the Government of Haiti, despite the losses it has suffered, to protect the lives of its nationals and to rapidly assist the affected

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population, and recognizing with deep appreciation the immediate emergency relief assistance and rescue operations provided on the ground by the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti and the United Nations system, as well as by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and civil society,

Welcoming the leadership of the Secretary-General in ensuring a speedy response by the United Nations system to the tragic events, and commending the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat for its coordinating role in supporting the Government of Haiti in ensuring a coherent international response to the emergency,

Welcoming also the efforts of the United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti to mobilize international support for emergency relief operations, as well as of the resident Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Country Coordinator for Haiti,

Commending the prompt response, support, generous contributions and assistance provided by Member States, the international community, civil society, the private sector and individuals to the emergency relief and response to the impacts of the disaster,

Reiterating the need for a continued high level of support for and commitment to the immediate humanitarian relief phase, early recovery, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development efforts, including in the medium and long terms, that reflect the spirit of international solidarity and cooperation in addressing the disaster,

Noting the enormous effort and solidarity of the international community, reflecting the importance of the fullest coordinated response and taking into account the national development priorities of Haiti, that will be required to rebuild the affected areas in order to alleviate the grave situation arising from this natural disaster,

Reiterating the need for the United Nations system to respond swiftly to requests for assistance by the affected country and to ensure that the humanitarian assistance provided is timely, adequate, effective and coherent and coordinated among all development actors, in particular the Government of Haiti, and is in accordance with the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence,

1. *Expresses its solidarity and support* to the Government and people of Haiti as well as to all Member States that have lost nationals in this catastrophe;

2. *Pays special tribute* to all the staff members of the United Nations and international peacekeepers who have given their lives in the line of duty, and encourages continued search-and-rescue operations for all people still unaccounted for;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the international community that have offered their prompt and generous support to the rescue efforts and emergency assistance for the affected population;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States and all relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as the international financial institutions and development agencies, to provide speedy, sustainable and adequate support for the

relief, early recovery, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development efforts of Haiti;

5. *Calls upon* the international community to provide assistance, at the earliest, in response to the United Nations flash appeal for Haiti, launched on 15 January 2010, and supports the overall coordinating role of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in assisting the Government of Haiti in ensuring a coherent international response to the humanitarian emergency in Haiti;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and all relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as the international financial institutions and development agencies, to assist Haiti, whenever possible, through continued effective humanitarian, technical and financial assistance that contributes to overcoming the emergency and achieving the rehabilitation and recovery of the economy and the affected population, in conformity with the priorities identified at the national level;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to consult with Member States, relevant United Nations organs and bodies, including the Peacebuilding Commission and the Economic and Social Council, regarding ways to achieve enhanced coordination of reconstruction and development efforts in Haiti;

8. *Requests* the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations to increase their support and assistance in strengthening the disaster-preparedness capacity of Haiti, as well as reducing its vulnerability to natural disasters, and in integrating disaster risk reduction in its development strategies and programmes, in accordance with the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015;[1]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep Member States regularly informed on the humanitarian assistance efforts in Haiti and to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the progress made in the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of the affected country under the sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations".

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[1] A/CONF.206/6 and Corr.1, chap. I, resolution 1.